

NEWS & NOTES

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ALAMEDA

Dr. Charles E. Smith, dean of the University of California School of Public Health, Berkeley, was reelected president of the State Board of Public Health at the board's March meeting. Dr. James F. Rinehart, professor of pathology, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, was reelected vice-president of the board. Both have served in those offices since 1944. Dr. Smith has been a member of the board since 1940 and Dr. Rinehart since 1942.

LOS ANGELES

A symposium on poliomyelitis sponsored by the Western Section of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will be held Wednesday, May 18, at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles. Four panel discussions will be held, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Dr. William D. Paul, president of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, will be a discussant on one of the panels.

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A research grant totaling \$17,150 has been awarded the College of Medical Evangelists School of Medicine by the National Cancer Institute. The study of the mechanism of action of "anti-tumor compounds known to react with the thiol group" will be carried out in the Department of Pharmacology by Drs. Mervyn G. Hardinge and Ian M. Fraser and will extend over a two-year period. At the same time it was announced that the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County has renewed a grant of \$14,000 for the third year. The funds finance, until November 1, CME services of cerebral palsy pre-nursery school and cerebral palsy counseling service.

SAN FRANCISCO

Officers of the San Francisco Dermatological Society for 1955-1956, elected at a recent meeting, are: Dr. Paul Fasal, San Rafael, president; Dr. George T. Lenahan, San Francisco, vice-president; Dr. R. Raymond Allington, Oakland, secretary; and Dr. Edward J. Ringrose, Berkeley, editor.

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Dr. Robert M. Worth, a graduate of the University of California School of Medicine now interning at Southern Pacific Hospital, recently was named winner of a \$1000 scholarship by the American Academy of General Practice. The Academy makes awards of funds supplied by Mead Johnson & Co. for graduate training in general practice.

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Dr. Francis T. Hodges of San Francisco, president of the Board of Trustees of California Physicians Service and a past president of the California Academy of General Practice, was elected vice-president of the Blue Shield Com-

mission, the coordinating agency for 77 prepaid medical care plans, at the recent annual meeting of the organization in Chicago. Mr. K. L. Hamman, executive director of C.P.S., was elected to the Blue Shield board.

TULARE

Dr. Elmo Alexander, formerly of Oakdale, accepted appointment as Tulare County Health Officer, effective April 1. Dr. Alexander became the first full-time health officer in almost a year. The post had been occupied on a temporary basis by Dr. Elmo Zumwalt, medical director of the county hospital, after the resignation of Dr. Donald Williams last summer.

GENERAL

Eighty-two medical officers are to be hired at Department of Defense establishments in California and Nevada during the next six months, the U. S. Civil Service Commission announced recently. The Commission is accepting applications in all optional fields of medicine. Most appointments will be made in general medicine and surgery, according to the announcement, but also needed are specialists in occupational or industrial health and medicine, internal medicine and diagnosis, ophthalmology, obstetrics, roentgenology, pediatrics, ear, nose and throat, and orthopedics. Positions are at government hospitals, supply centers, air stations, shipyards, test centers, and camps and bases.

The vacancies are occasioned by the need to replace military personnel with civilian employees. Most of the medical officers will be full-time employees, although a few part-time positions will be filled.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission offices at 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, or from civil service representatives at post offices in California and Nevada.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Announces the following summer courses:

4th Annual Laboratory Technicians Symposium—June 18 and 19, 1955.

Chemotherapy of Fungus Disease—June 23-25, 1955.

Surgery of the Elbow and Shoulder—July 19 and 20, 1955.

Surgery of the Hand—July 21 and 22, 1955.

Recent Advances in Medicine—July 25-29, 1955.

Basic Techniques of Hypnosis—August 8, 9 and 10, 1955.

Advanced Techniques and Application of Hypnosis—August 10, 11 and 12, 1955.

Anesthesia—August 29, 30 and 31, 1955.

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In San Francisco:

Pediatric Conference—June 2 through July 1, 1955.

Conference on Applied Therapeutics—October 17 to October 19.